Allowance may have crossed in the mail instead. Moreover, it appears that the Notice of Allowance was mailed on July 19, 1999 instead of July 13, 1999 as shown by the Allowance envelope postmark date of July 19, 1999.

As requested by Rosa Thomas of Group 1600 in a telephone conversation with Applicant, a copy of the postmarked Official envelope is attached as evidence of the actual Allowance mailing date.

As Applicant's Supplemental Amendment was sent by Express Mail on July 14, 1999 and the Allowance mailing date appears to be July 19, 1999, Applicant's paper of July 14, 1999 should be considered as submittle made before the issuance of Notice of Allowance.

Should Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant can be reached at (650) 827-1388.

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